

PENNINGTON TO FLY From Chicago to New York in a Few Weeks, So He Says. THE AIRSHIP IS NEARLY READY. A Peep at the Factory and the Pickle-Shaped Air Speeder. THE INVENTOR A FIRM BELIEVER

Pennington, the king of airships and aerial adventure, is again on the front. In three weeks' time a great human bird, it is claimed, will sweep over Chicago in the direction of New York, with a great spoon wheel whirling in front, two twirling fans on either side, great fins on its back and to the side; at the back an air rudder that steers to starboard and port, and below it a wide, thin slab that flaps at will like the tail of a crawfish with the colic, and guides the ship up to dizzy heights or lowers it to the level of lumbering locomotives and conveyances of a slower speed.

The redivivus of the Pennington airship takes place at Chicago Heights, says the *Inter Ocean*. Here the airship company has 40 acres of broad, expansive meadow land, where there is plenty of room to boost the great artificial hawk, and to avoid any casualties if the wonderful airship should go darting about deliriously in the manner of a lope-sided kite.

The Pennington Company has just finished its first building. It is a queer, tall structure, painted red and is the only building on earth devoted exclusively to the manufacture of airships. It is 600 feet of floor space and has the most wonderful, stupendous doors ever constructed. These doors are 38 feet high and 38 feet wide.

These gigantic portals will be swung aside and the great inflated cylinder that is to bear the airship will be hoisted into the air. The airship will be hoisted out and sent up into the air by means of a New York City with a spirit of confidence that will make every railroad monopolist forlorn.

The airship factory is just completed and has many interesting sights within its walls. The main portion is the gargantuan berth of the great buoyancy chamber, or inflated cylinder, which is 125 feet long with a mean diameter of 30 feet. In another shop is the car, which is aluminum metal, with cushion seats filled with hydrogen gas, and weighing altogether but 235 pounds. The same sized car constructed of ordinary material would weigh 1,800 pounds.

The motor power of the machine. The motor power consists of two beautiful little engines of alloyed aluminum. These engines each consist of four cylinders with four pistons, attached to a single center and acting with reciprocal power. Hydrogen gas is exploded by an electric spark. One engine weighs a minimum of 45 pounds and has a maximum capacity of 15-horse power. The other engine weighs 45 pounds and has a maximum capacity of 15-horse power.

AMERICAN PROGRESS. The Development of the Country's Educational System. COUNTY TEACHERS TOLD ABOUT IT. Dr. Winslow Speaks at the Institute on the Arts of Teaching.

Hon. A. S. Draper opened the general work of the afternoon session of the Allegheny County Institute by an address on the "Development of the Educational System of America." He referred first to the educational system of other countries and showed that all lands had done something for the education of the people. He then traced the growth of the American public school system.

At first, said he, "the American schools were church schools. Then private schools sprung up as money-making enterprises. But the circumstances of the country outgrew such schools and it became necessary to adopt the broader doctrine that all property of the people is pledged to the education of the people's children. Hence the necessity for disregarding sectarian and political differences. There must be nothing about our schools to which any can object."

The new plans have resulted in a new system of discipline and a new spirit. All this was necessary because the circumstances of the country were changed. Busy times and great cities demand improved advantages for the children.

Dr. Winslow gave a talk on "What is Teaching." He said: "The employments of people are divided into occupation, trade, office, calling, profession. Occupations are primarily for the earning of a living. Teaching is not to be allowed to be merely a method of earning a living. There is no temptation to become an office to be received at the hands of the public. It is a matter of people's claiming prominence in a ranky way, as though it were a calling. It must demand better training."

Winship's Wise Words to Teachers. "Its members must be more distinctively proud of their identification with the 34,000 teachers who are instructing the 13,000,000 children of our land. Public recognition must not be catered to or demanded. It must come and will come freely when teachers are sufficiently trained to inspire in their pupils a respect for the profession. We are not now ready for professional recognition. The sooner we recognize that the earlier will the public appreciate every effort to stand where the profession should stand."

How Herbart's System Works. He suggested as a remedy, the adoption of Herbart, whose methods of pedagogy are now being introduced into the country. Herbart being a German educator, who died half a century ago, and who has many followers among the 8,000 teachers in Germany who are full of enthusiasm and well organized for aggressive educational work.

He explained the beneficial features of the system, referring chiefly to the doctrine of apperception which emphasizes the fact that the child should be able to comprehend clearly all new facts presented. The subject matter of instruction should be arranged in the order of the child's mental development. Concentration in the child's studies should be thorough and each subject should be divided into suitable lessons.

HAWAII CLAIMS IT. When It Is Officially Known That the British Will Hang on to Johnson Island the Honolulu Government Will Kick—Sanchez Island News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Honolulu advised today the 19th day the Legislature is still in session and had on that date reached its sixty-seventh day. The Cabinet is still incomplete.

AN INSANE ASYLUM TRAGEDY. A Supposed Harmless Inmate Straggles to Death His Fellow Prisoner. CINCINNATI, Aug. 24.—In Longview Lunatic Asylum, near Carthage, Hamilton county, last night, George Goetz straggled to death Henry Gerwig, a fellow inmate. The discovery was made after midnight by the watchman, who found the victim dead and his murderer standing over him with glaring eyes and convulsive movements.

BROKE THE ORE RECORD. A New Lake Steamer Carries 4,808 Tons From Escanaba to Chicago. CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—The Maritana, recently launched at South Chicago and owned by the Minnesota Steamship Company, which comprises the same capitalists interested in the Illinois Steel Company, has broken the lake ore record on her maiden trip.

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